

# SUPPORT PUBLIC SAFETY VOTE **FOR** QUESTION A



**QUESTION A** authorizes Montgomery County to get reimbursed by insurance companies, Medicare and Medicaid for the cost of ambulance service.

On November 2nd, your vote **FOR QUESTION A** can help keep taxes down by billing the insurance industry for the cost of our local ambulance service.

## AND IT WON'T COST YOU A PENNY.

### NO TAX INCREASE!

It won't cost Montgomery County residents a penny. **It doesn't matter if you have insurance or not.** There's no co-pay, no deductible. You won't even get a bill. And everyone who needs an ambulance gets one regardless of ability to pay, just like now.

### YOU ALREADY PAY FOR THE SERVICE!

Insurance companies already charge us for ambulance service. **You already pay for it as part of your insurance premium, but the insurance companies are pocketing that money.** Let's take back the money that the insurance companies don't deserve.

### GOVERNMENTS ALL AROUND US HAVE BEEN DOING THIS FOR YEARS!

Governments all around us already collect tens of millions of dollars every year to improve their public safety services. **Prince George's County, Fairfax County, Frederick County and Washington, DC have similar programs and collect tens of millions of dollars from insurance companies, Medicare and Medicaid.** It's time we did too. And because insurance rates are set regionally, yours won't go up if Question A passes.

*Montgomery County can't afford to leave \$170 million over the next ten years sitting on the table for the insurance companies and the Federal Government.*

All around us, jurisdictions are getting reimbursed by insurance companies, Medicare and Medicaid, with NO evidence linking these reimbursements to insurance premium increases or adverse effects on residents calling 911.

We can't afford to put our families, our police, our fire fighters, our paramedics, and our property at-risk.

### WHAT'S AT STAKE? PLENTY!

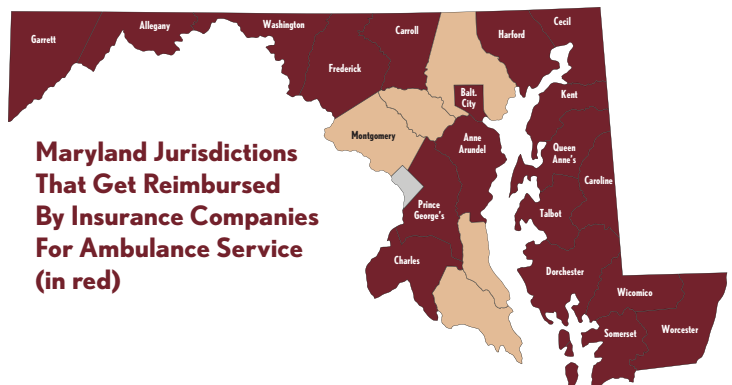
Unless we support QUESTION A, Montgomery County will consider the following alternatives:

- **Take 11 Ambulances Out of Service**
- **Lay Off 89 Fire Fighters & Paramedics**
- **No Staff at New Fire Stations**
- **Remove Police Officers from Schools**
- **Eliminate Senior Programs, Close Libraries and Cut Transit**

### YOU WILL FEEL THE IMPACT IF QUESTION A FAILS.

Stop lining the pockets of insurance companies. If they don't pay for our local ambulance service, our taxes will go up or we'll face drastic cuts to fill the \$14 million hole in this year's budget.

And we will lose \$170 million over the next 10 years — money that we desperately need to meet our critical public safety needs and save lives.



## GET THE FACTS!

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